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1. IN PREPARATION FOR PRESS QUERIES REGARDING FORTHCOMING STORY ON BRASS, CHMEDTC HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING FACT SHEET ON CHMEDTC/US EMBASSY ACTIONS WHICH PAO WILL USE AS HANDOUT. ADDITIONALLY, THE GKR/FANK HAVE PUBLISHED A DECLARATION WHICH OUTLINES THE ACTIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN AS REPORTED IN REF C.

2. FACT SHEET: REPORTS OF ILLEGAL BRASS TRAFFICKING HAVE BEEN AND ARE A SUBJECT OF CONCERN TO THE U.S. MISSION, CAMBODIA. THE LEGALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND CERTAIN REGULATORY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE U.S. MISSION ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:

A. THE USG AND THE GKR ARE BOUND BY MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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AGREEMENTS. IN THIS REGARD, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FURNISHED BY THE

U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE USG WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE, THIS IS TO INCLUDED PARTS RECOVERED, SCRAP MATERIALS AND EXPENDED CATRIDGE CASINGS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, PROVISIONS FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RELINQUISH OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, BUT THIS MAY NOT BE ASSUMED AND DISPOSITION MAY ONLY BE MADE ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES AGREED TO BY CHMEDTC.

B. IN FURTHERENCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES, MEDTC HAS PROGRAMMED THE MAP EQUIPMENT FOR A FANK COLLECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND SALVAGE COMPANY WITH EQUIPMENT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ARRIVING THIS MONTH. THIYA WILL PROVIDE FANK WITH THE CAPABILITY TO COLLECT AND CLASSIFY DAMAGED MAP PROVIDED MATERIAL FOR REPAIR OR DISPOSAL. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FANK WITH A FORMAL ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAP AGREEMENTS.

C. REGARDS TO ILLEGAL BRASS TRAFFIC:

(1) ON 28 MARCH 1973, THE KR SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE USG CONCERNING PROPERTY DISPOSAL ACTIONS. THIS AGREEMENT CONFIRMED THOSE FACTS IN PARAGRAPHS A & B ABOVE AND OUTLINED PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO RETURN AND MAKE AVAILABLE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THE GKR. THIS AGREEMENT SERVES AS THE BASIS FOR ALL PROPERTY DISPOSAL OPERATIONS.

(2) ON 3 JULY 1973, THE FANK CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS WAS REMINDED BY LETTER THAT FANK IS STRICTLY BOUND BY MAP AGREEMENTSS AND THAT PROPER DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS MUST BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE AGREEMENTS.

(3) ON 16 NOVEMBER 1973, MEDTC WAS INFORMED OF AN IMPENDING BARTER CONTRACT BETWEEN FANK AND A CIVILIAN FIRM TO EXCHANGE BRASS CASINGS FOR MILITARY ENGINEER ITEMS. CHMEDTC, BY LETTER AND IN PERSON, REQUESTED CINCFANK TO HALT ANY SHIPMENT OF BRASS OF SCRAP METAL OUT OF COUNTRY AND INSURE PROCEDURES AND CONTROLS ARE ADEQUATE TO PRECLUDED IMPORPER DISPOSITION OF MAP PROVIDED MATERIALS.

(4) ON 19 NOVEMBER, IT WAS REPORTED TO CHMEDTC THAT ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE BATTAMBANG AREA AND THE THAILAND BORDER. CHEMCTC IMMEDIATELY PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND REQUESTED:
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- (A) THAT AN IMMEDIATE FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED.
- (B) THAT ALLL BRASS, SCRWV AND OTHER UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS BE IMMEDIATELY ASSEMBLED FOR FUTURE RETURN TO THE USG OR DISPOSITION TO BE DECIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MAP AGREEMWNT.
- (C) AND THAT THE CULPABLE PARTIES BE RAPIDLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES.

FURTHER, ON 21 NOVEMBER, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES INFORMED MARSHAL LON NOL, BOTH BY LETTER AND IN PERSON, OF THE BATTAMBANG ACTIVITIES AND REQUESTED THE MARSHAL'S PROMPT PERSONAL ATTENTION TO BRING ABOUT A RAPID RESOLUTIONWZ

(5) THE DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL SYSTEM LIAISON OFFICER FOR SE ASIS PAID QSVISIT TO MEDTC ON 23 NOVEMBER. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO ASSIST MEDTC IN ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR RETROGRADE OF SCRAP TO U.S. DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND. THIS OFFICE WILL SERVE TO ASSIST IN ALL DISPOSAL ACTIONS CONCERNED WITH MAP CAMBODIA SCRAP MATERIALS.

(6) ON 1 DECEMBER 1973, CHMEDTC BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF CINCFANK, INSTANCES INVOLVING MISAPPROPRIATION OF BRASS CASINGS. CHMEDTC AGAIN REQUESTED IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR PROPER DISPOSITION OF MAP PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.

(7) THE U.S. EMBASSY, ON 11 DECEMBER, FORMALLY REQUESTED THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, TO DENY ANY REQUEST FOR EXPORT OF BRASS CASINGS OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL, WHICH COULD HAVE ORIGINATED FROM US SOURCES, WITHOUT THE PRIOR EXPRESSED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

(8) THE FANK CHIEF OF STAFF, LOGISITCS WAS REQUESTED ON 19 DECEMBER 1973, TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL RETROGRADE PROGRAM FOR BRASS AND STEEL CASINGS FOR SHIPMENT TO U.S. PROPERTY DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND.

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